

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 42**

**Introduced by Assembly Members Cedillo, Correa, and Keeley  
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Corbett, Goldberg, Kehoe,  
Salinas, Shelley, Thomson, and Wayne)**

February 9, 2001

An act to add Chapter 4.7 (commencing with Section 25370) to Division 15 of the Public Resources Code, relating to energy, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 42, as introduced, Cedillo. Energy: Mobile Efficiency Brigade.

(1) Existing law requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to administer a program of grants and loans with respect to energy efficiency measures and programs.

This bill would require the commission to establish the Mobile Efficiency Brigade program to award grants to specified organizations to distribute and install energy efficient equipment, as defined.

(2) The bill would appropriate \$100,000,000 from the General Fund, without regard to fiscal years, to be used by the commission for the Mobile Efficiency Brigade program.

(3) The bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 4.7 (commencing with Section 25370) is added to Division 15 of the Public Resources Code, to read:

CHAPTER 4.7. MOBILE EFFICIENCY BRIGADE

25370. This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the Mobile Efficiency Brigade.

25371. As used in this chapter:

(a) "Organization" means a nonprofit corporation that is exempt from income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(b) "Program" means any of the following:

(1) The Energy Conservation Act of 2001.

(2) The Sunny Schools Act of 2001.

(3) The 50-50 Local Government Program.

(4) The Shopping Center Program.

(c) "Energy efficient equipment" means energy conservation devices or products approved under any of the programs.

(d) "Installation" means all labor needed to install energy efficient equipment, including any necessary construction.

25372. (a) The commission may make grants to an organization to distribute and install energy efficient equipment for one or more of the programs.

(b) In addition to the powers specifically granted to the commission by other provisions of this division, the commission shall have the following powers for implementing this chapter:

(1) To establish qualifications and priorities, consistent with the objectives of this chapter for making grants.

(2) To establish such procedures and policies, as may be necessary for the administration of this chapter.

25373. (a) An organization may apply to the commission for a grant to pay for the organization's personnel costs to distribute and install energy efficient equipment for one or more of the programs.

(b) The commission shall determine if the organization is qualified to distribute and install energy efficient equipment for each program that the organization lists on its application. The commission may not permit an organization that does not have the

1 proper trained personnel or required licenses to distribute and  
2 install energy efficient equipment for a program.

3 (c) The commission shall make grants on a first-come  
4 first-serve basis to those applicants that qualify.

5 (d) The amount of each grant shall be determined by the  
6 commission.

7 (e) The grant may not be used to pay the cost of the energy  
8 efficient equipment that is installed.

9 25374. (a) There is hereby appropriated from the General  
10 Fund to the State Energy Resources Conservation and  
11 Development Commission, without regard to fiscal years, the sum  
12 of one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) for allocation by  
13 the commission for grants pursuant to this chapter.

14 (b) The Department of Finance, at its discretion, may audit the  
15 expenditure of any grant made pursuant to this chapter.

16 SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the  
17 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety  
18 within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go  
19 into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

20 In order to install energy efficiency devices or products as  
21 quickly as possible to help avoid electrical energy shortages, it is  
22 necessary that this act take effect immediately.

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